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### IN VACATION.

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**Stage Law.**—The only points of stage "law" on which we are at all clear are as follows:

That if a man dies without leaving a will, then all his property goes to the nearest villain.

But if a man dies and leaves a will, then all his property goes to whoever can get possession of that will.

That the accidental loss of the three and six penny copy of a marriage certificate annuls the marriage.

That the evidence of one prejudiced witness, of shady antecedents, is quite sufficient to convict the most stainless and irreproachable gentleman of crimes for the committal of which he could have had no possible motive.

But that this evidence may be rebutted, years afterwards, and the conviction quashed without further trial by the unsupported statement of the comic man.

That if A. forges B.'s name to a check, then the law of the land is that B. shall be sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

That ten minutes' notice is all that is required to foreclose a mortgage.

That all trials of criminal cases take place in the front parlor of the victim's house, the villain acting as counsel, judge and jury rolled into one, and a couple of policemen being told off to follow his instructions.

These are a few of the more salient features of stage "law" so far as we have been able to grasp it up to the present; but, as fresh acts and clauses and modifications appear to be introduced for each new play, we have abandoned all hope of ever being able to really comprehend the subject.—Jerome K. Jerome, in "Playgoer."

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**In General.**—Even the courts seem occasionally to find humor in the dispensing of justice, consequently we find it stated: "There is nothing certain about a law-suit except the expense of it." 78 Me. 49. "A locomotive and a mule may well pass over the same ground so that the pass at different moments of time." 56 Ga. 540. "Es-toppel is the principle of law that does not allow a man to speak the truth." 35 S. C. 537. "A person who occasionally remains sober may be of intemperate habits." 68 Ala. 147. "Even if a man is drunk he has a right to suppose that a bridge open to the use of the public and under control of the county official will bear up his load in crossing it." 15 Ore. 313. "Rogues are almost the only game that people of New Hampshire have to pursue, and they are by no means backward in the chase." 6 N. H. 454.